



# Amilla's Festival of Life

At a time of the year that is filled with abundance, remembrance, hope and gratitude, Amilla beats to the rhythm of our Festival of Life. Opening our eyes to the beauty around us and inside us, the Festival of Life is an invitation to connect with yourself and with the earth beneath your feet. Give thanks for the good things by honoring your body and mind with the finest food and the deepest relaxation. Dream your way into a brighter future where your inner child gets a chance to play and to create. Celebrate the sacred equilibrium of day and night by filling your days with active adventures and your nights with music and mirth. Be thrilled by ocean wonders and chilled by late night tales.

Gently held and lovingly guided by the rhythm of the seasons and the tides of the ocean, The Festival of Life gives you permission to live the life you deserve to be living.



## Special Occasions

The Festival of Life embraces Diwali and Halloween at the end of October, in a period of Honoring and Remembering. Guests can look forward to our river of light, Alebrijes parade, spine tingling ghost walks, late night songs of love and loss and the unveiling of the Tree of Life.

Moving into November, we delve into Awakening and Imagining, connecting with rare ocean animals, both real and mythical, whilst exploring our autumnal abundance menu and offering exquisite spa treatments and invigorating sporting challenges to nourish the body and soothe the mind.

As we celebrate Thanksgiving at the end of November, we turn our thoughts to Giving and Gratitude, in which our guests will receive rich gifts from the island whilst being invited to give back to the earth and offer thanks for the bounty they have received.

**Diwali** on 24 October 2022 is the Festival of Lights that symbolizes the spiritual victory of light over darkness. The lights of Diwali signify a time to destroy our dark desires and gives us the strength to carry on with our kindness.

**Sustainability Day** on 26 October was created to raise awareness towards the importance of Sustainability. Sharing the insights that we have with each other will build a well-educated and responsible community.

**Halloween** on 31 October originated with the ancient Celtic festival of Samhain, when people would light bonfires and wear costumes to ward off ghosts. Nowadays, Halloween is a day of activities and dressing up.

**World Vegan Day** on 1 November is a day to commemorate and celebrate the commitment to living the vegan lifestyle. It offers the chance to share experiences all while cultivating environmental protection.

**World Kindness Day** on 13 November was formed to promote kindness throughout the world. The purpose is to highlight good deeds in the community focusing on the positive power and the common thread of kindness.

**Thanksgiving** on 24 November is celebrated to say thanks and recognize the sacrifices and blessings of the past year. Over time, it became a day for people to get together with their friends and family to celebrate.



## Fascinating Entertainment

**Pandora** is one of UK Radio's most recognized radio presenters and DJ. She will be refreshing us with her presence as a DJ during Diwali and host at Sustainability Day. Being a big advocate for animal rights, she will also be hosting the first Cat Charity Event in Amilla. She will be at Amilla from 24 October till 1 November 2022.

**Ivan** is a multi-talented performer from Mexico who has performed at top resorts in the Caribbean and the Pacific. He will be awing our guests with Fire Dancing and LED shows as well as workshops in Acrobatics, Fire(less) Dancing and Juggling for young and old.

**Moosa Samaau** is an experienced musician, a skilled vocalist and keyboardist with a wide repertoire of music. He gives classes in piano, hand pan and Bodu Beru drum and can be heard and seen during dinner in Baa-zaar and for late night tunes in Baa Bar.

**Anna** is an experienced acrobat who has been working as a circus artist in the National Circus of Ukraine. She will be stunning our guests with her performances in aerial gymnastics, juggling and poi spinning and her aerial gymnastics, stretching and private aerial yoga classes.

**Yang Wei** introduced himself to the industry by winning the best comedy magician awards in 2009. He allows everyone to enjoy themselves with his surprising program ranging from comedy, magic and fire eating performances as well as magic and illusionist classes.

**Tom Green** is currently playing on the HITS Radio Network. He will be entertaining our guests as DJ during Halloween and Guy Fawkes as well as hold a "red carpet" interview during Halloween and host 'The Amilla Dangerous Dinners' podcast. Tom will be at Amilla from 31 October till 10 November 2022.

**DJ Tappu** has performed at various music festivals in Thailand and Sri Lanka, and as a resident DJ for Maldivian resorts. He plays a wide range of musical genres and can be found in Baa Bar. He is looking forward to share his skills with our guests during his DJ classes.

**Bodu Beru** is the heart of traditional Maldivian music showing a magical amalgamation of drums, vocals, and dance. They perform during the weekly guest cocktails and the Maldivian Night. Besides that, they can brighten any celebration with their private performances.



# Maldives Golden Year of Tourism

The year 2022 marks the 50th anniversary for the Maldives tourism industry. Tourism is the largest economic industry in the Maldives, as it plays an important role in earning foreign exchange revenues and offers the employment of up to 25,000 people. The beautiful archipelago of the Maldives is the main attraction to many tourists and incredible coral reefs are the foundation of the islands. These reefs offer protection to the tiny islands as its natural defense system and the country's economy depends heavily on the health of its beautiful reefs and intricate ecosystems.

As part of Small Luxury Hotels of the World Considerate Collection, we are committed to playing our part in protecting the diverse marine ecosystem of the Maldives through coral restoration projects, reef monitoring and strict guidelines on snorkelling behaviour. Besides that, we are currently reducing our plastic, food waste, energy consumption and the use of insecticides. We aid Olive Ridley Project and Manta Trust in their research efforts as well as cooperate with passionate Maldivians to magnify their environmental projects to support grassroots conservation in the Maldives. The following activities were created to celebrate the golden year of tourism and support the tourism industry.

## **Amilla's Photography Contest**

Go out, capture a moment and upload the picture to your Instagram while tagging Amilla Maldives. Submit the best photo taken during your stay at Amilla Maldives and win a bottle of wine. Entries are open for our past and current guests and all pictures will be displayed on our Instagram.

*Date: 19 August 2022*

## **Freediving World Record**

Join the Freediving World Record Attempt Neyvaa 2, organized by Freedive Maldives, for the most number of people performing static apnea simultaneously in resorts and local communities around the Maldives..

*Date: 1 October 2022*

## **Maldivian Food Festival**

Celebrate World Food Day and get ready to try several mouthwatering Maldivian dishes and products prepared by locals, which will be offered through different food stalls. Regale your taste buds all while supporting local businesses.

*Date: 16 October 2022*